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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. Between 5 and 8 February 1951, the eastern section of the General
Wever Kaserne, Potsdam-Golm (N 53/Z 63), was occupied by about
25X1 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery
insignia. Motor vehicles [redacted]
[redacted] were seen there. The northwestern barracks section quartered
a Volkspolizei rear echelon unit of about 50 police. (1)
- 25X1 2. The northern section of Feldmeisterschule 3, Potsdam-Golm, housed the
Land broadcasting station Potsdam with a main radio tower and five
25X1 other towers, about 15 meters high, from which double antennae were
suspended. The southern billeting area of the Feldmeisterschule contained
25X1 nine wooden sheds in which supplies were stored. The quantity and type
of supplies were unknown. Sentries guarding the sheds wore red-bordered
black epaulets with artillery insignia. (2)
3. The Unteroffiziersschule in Potsdam-Eiche was about 80 percent destroyed
during the war. The stables in the northwestern section of the billeting
25X1 area were surrounded by a board fence, 2 meters high, which was illuminated
by arc lamps after dusk. One of the two watchtowers there was occupied.
25X1 (3) Two damaged barracks buildings were located east of the Unteroffiziers-
schule. They were occupied by an undetermined number of troops. There
was no vehicular traffic.
4. [redacted] a meeting of Soviet key personalities was
25X1 scheduled to be held in the restricted area of Babelsberg on 7 and 8 Feb-
ruary. However, no confirmatory observations could be made.
5. Six 20-mm AA guns were emplaced on both sides of Rosenstrasse and guarded
25X1 by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 20 soldiers who wore
red-bordered black epaulets received instruction at one of the guns on
25X1 8 February. It could not be determined whether the low wooden buildings
near the gun emplacement were occupied by civilians or Soviet personnel.
25X1 The AA gun emplacement on Steinplatz was occupied as was previously
reported. (4)

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6. A convoy of about 30 trucks with trailers, about 18 caterpillar tractors towing 152-mm artillery pieces, and one jeep crossed Lange Bruecke toward Leipzigerstrasse at about 2 p.m. on 8 February. The convoy came from the center of Potsdam. Each truck carried about eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Military band instruments and apparently office equipment were observed with the troops. Most of the truck trailers were loaded with ammunition boxes 40x60x80 cm. Included among the

convoy were trucks [redacted] and caterpillar tractors

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The General Wever Kaserne quarters elements of the unidentified Arty Div in Potsdam, the headquarters of which is believed to be in Wildpark-West. [redacted]
The motor vehicle [redacted] mentioned in the present report belong to series of the Arty Div in Potsdam. For a location sketch of the General Wever Kaserne and the Feldmeisterschule, [redacted]
- (2) [redacted] an ordnance park in Wildpark-West in March 1950. [redacted] It is possible that the supply houses of the former Feldmeisterschule, mentioned in the present report, are the ordnance park in Wildpark-West.
- (3) The occupation of the Unteroffizier Schule in Potsdam-Eiche has not been definitely determined.
- (4) The AA gun emplacement on both sides of Rosenstrasse was reported for the first time. The positions are just east of the intersection of Rosenstrasse and Franz Mehringstrasse. The AA gun emplacement at Steinplatz was previously reported. [redacted]
- (5) [redacted] the convoy belonged to a unit of the artillery division in Potsdam which probably left for firing practice.

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